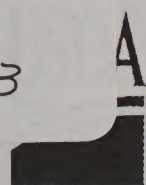


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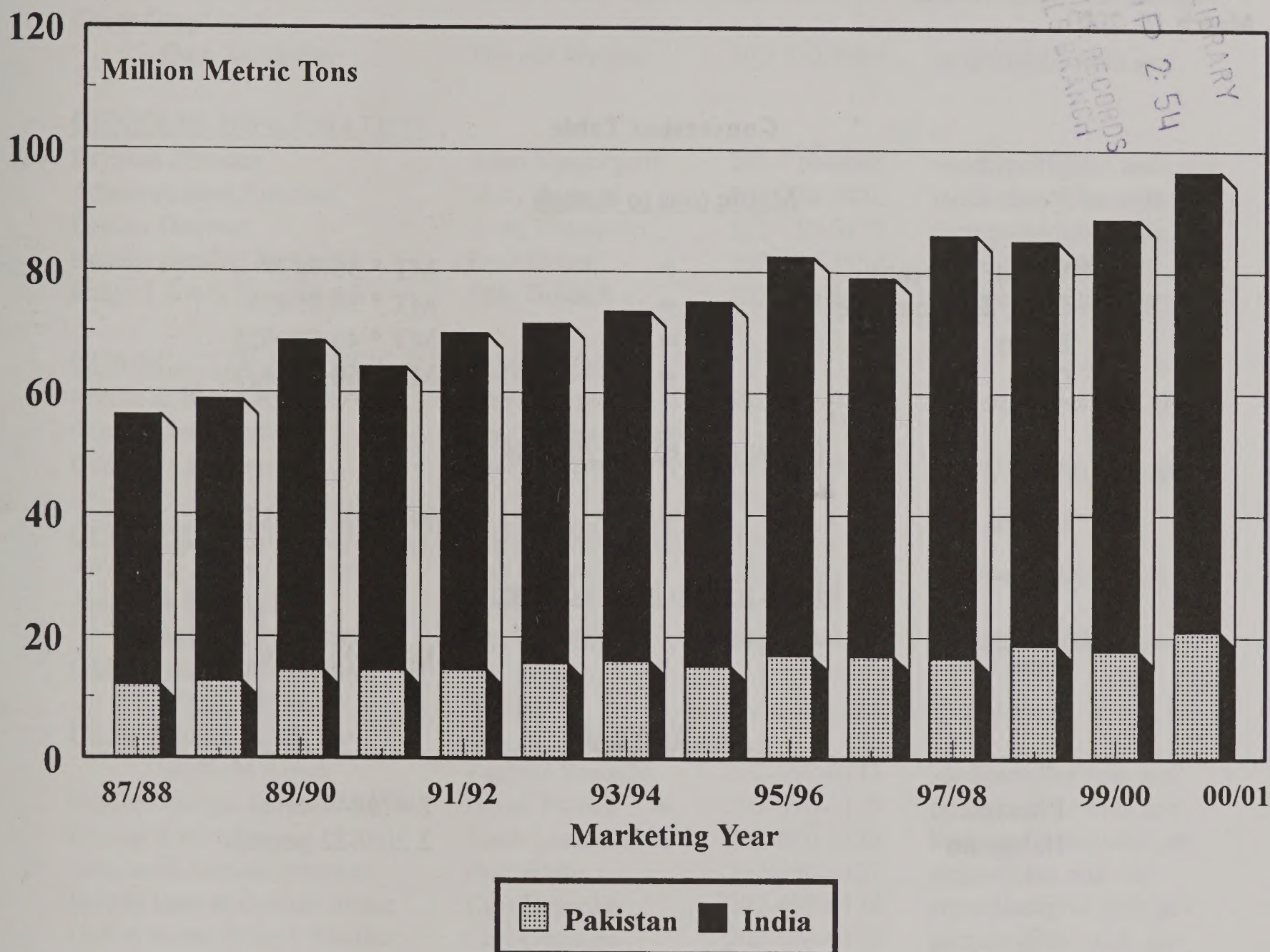
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India's 2001/02 winter grain season has been characterized by unusually dry weather. The weak monsoon during the entire month of September left much of the wheat region with inadequate soil moisture. The dry soil conditions likely resulted in a drop in sown area as farmers waited for planting rains, which failed to materialize. Very low precipitation amounts were recorded in most wheat growing states during the optimal planting and establishment period of mid-October to mid-December, and dryness continued through January. Irrigated wheat (which comprises 80 percent of India's total) should do well if temperatures and pest pressures remain low. Neighboring Pakistan has experienced similar weather conditions this season: dry conditions in rainfed areas which may reduce yield potential. However, losses may be partially offset by favorably cool temperatures in irrigated wheat areas.

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Metric tons to bushels

Wheat, soybeans	=	MT * 36.7437
Corn, sorghum, rye	=	MT * 39.36825
Barley	=	MT * 45.929625
Oats	=	MT * 68.894438

Metric tons to 480-lb bales

Cotton	=	MT * 4.592917
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Metric tons to hundredweight

Rice	=	MT * 22.04622
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Area & Weight

1 hectare	=	2.471044 acres
1 kilogram	=	2.204622 pounds

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PRODUCTION BRIEFS

Brazil: Higher Yields Boost 2000/01 Soybean Production to Record Level

Brazilian soybean production is forecast at a record 35.5 million tons, up 1.0 million tons or 3 percent from last month and 7 percent above last year's record crop. Last season's crop was adjusted upwards by 700,000 tons to 33.2 million tons. Harvested area for 2000/01 increased by 200,000 hectares to 13.6 million hectares. Early harvest results support high yields in the states of Mato Grosso and Parana, Brazil's largest and second largest producers of soybeans, respectively. Beneficial rains and increased farm inputs throughout the growing season have boosted yield prospects to a record level. Soybean yield is estimated at 2.61 MT/Ha, higher than the previous record of 2.50 MT/Ha in 1997/98.

Argentina: Record Soybean Production Forecast for 2000/01

Argentina's soybean production is forecast at a record 24.0 million tons, up 2.8 million tons or 13 percent from last year's record, and up 0.5 million from last month. Planting had reached 99 percent as of January 26, 2001, similar to last year's pace. The 1999/2000 soybean crop was the previous record and is estimated at 21.2 million tons. Soybean yield for 2000/01 is estimated at 2.45 MT/Ha, above the five-year average yield of 2.32 MT/Ha. Concern for the second-crop establishment--approximately 26 percent of planted area--and recent dryness in western Buenos Aires is counterbalancing good crop prospects in Santa Fe and Cordoba.

Australia: 2000/01 Wheat and Barley Production Rises

Australian 2000/01 wheat output is estimated at 20.5 million tons, up 1.0 million or 5 percent from last month. This is 4.5 million tons or 18 percent lower than last season's record 25.0 million. Area did not change this month. Compared to last season, area is down 0.3 million hectares, or 3 percent from last year's record. A significant portion of the 2000/01 crop suffered some weather damage which led many growers to store a larger than normal quantity of grain on farms in hopes for better prices later in the season for the damaged grain. New South Wales and Western Australia are forecast to have greater production than previously estimated. South Australia and Victoria are forecast at record or near record production. The barley production forecast has been increased from 5.4 to 5.6 million tons for the 2000/01 winter grain season with reports of a substantial proportion achieving the top malting grade.

Brazil: 2000/01 Record Corn Production Anticipated As Yield Prospects Rise

Brazil's 2000/01 total corn production is forecast at a record 38.5 million tons, up 1.5 million or 4 percent from last month and up 22 percent above last year. Harvested area is at 13.5 million hectares, unchanged from last month. The first corn crop (typically accounting for about 80-85 percent of total production) has benefitted from timely rains throughout the southern growing regions. Further boosting yield potential to a record total yield of 2.85 tons per hectare is the increase in farm input use (fertilizers, pesticides, and improved seeds). However, dryness in the northeastern state of Bahia

may have reduced corn yields. Safrinha, or second corn crop, prospects are for a smaller crop than normal as low prices reduce planting prospects. However, given normal yields, the Safrinha crop should be above last year's frost-damaged crop. Planting begins after the soybean harvest in the southern states of Brazil, typically in late February and March. For the safrinha crop, the state of Parana is the largest producer.

South Africa: Lower Corn Area and Yield in 2000/01

South Africa's 2000/01 corn crop is estimated at 8.0 million tons, down 0.5 million or 6 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year. Area is estimated at 3.3 million hectares, down 15 percent from last year and the lowest in 60 years. On January 22, the National Crop Estimates Committee (NCEC) reported that commercial farmers planted an estimated 2.7 million hectares of corn in 2000/01, down 18 percent from last year. This total included 1.6 million hectares of white corn (59 percent) and 1.1 million hectares of yellow corn (41 percent). Planted area in the non-commercial sector is believed to have fallen by a commensurate amount. Low prices, credit problems, and high production costs encouraged farmers to reduce corn area and/or shift to alternative crops.

Estimated yield was reduced slightly this month to 2.4 MT/Ha, close to the 5-year average but higher than the weather-reduced yields of 1997/98 and 1998/99. The weather was favorably warm and wet for corn germination and development through mid-December. Rainfall diminished in late-December, but soil moisture remained adequate. In mid-January, unseasonably hot and dry weather created stressful conditions for corn approaching the heat-sensitive tasseling stage. The return of scattered showers and milder temperatures toward the end of January eased the threat of drought in the heart of the Maize Triangle, although outlying crop areas remain drier than normal. Additional rainfall and seasonable temperatures are needed in February to prevent further yield reductions.

Australia: 2000/01 Rice Production Hits Record

Australian rice production for 2000/01 is forecast at a record 1.1 million tons on a milled rice basis. This is an increase of 172,000 tons or 18 percent from last month, resulting from favorable growing conditions. Area is forecast at a record 175,000 hectares, up 16,000 or 10 percent from last month. The area increase is due to the abundance of water supplies after three years of irrigation restrictions in the major growing valleys along the New South Wales and Victoria border. This area has experienced near-perfect growing conditions this season with beneficial above-normal temperatures during January. Near record yields are anticipated for this season's rice crop.

Kazakstan: Statistical Agency Announces Preliminary Wheat Harvest Results

Kazakstan wheat production for 2000/01 is estimated at 9.1 million tons, down 0.4 million or 4 percent from last month and down 2.1 million or 19 percent from last year. The reduction in estimated production is based on preliminary harvest data released by Kazakstan's national statistical agency. Crop conditions were relatively good this season: yields are estimated at 0.96 tons per hectare, 25 percent below last year's near-record, but nearly 30 percent above the average of the past five years.

India: 2000/01 Cotton Production Forecast Decreased

The 2000/01 cotton crop is estimated at 11.5 million bales, down 0.4 million or 3 percent from last month and down 0.7 million or 6 percent from last year. Estimated area is revised down from 8.4 to 8.3 million hectares. The reduction is due to adverse weather conditions in the growing regions of western India. High temperatures and low soil moisture reserves precluded additional pickings in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra. The light rains received during late December and early January were insufficient to improve prospects for additional pickings. Additionally, the slowdown in arrivals in drought-affected western states indicates a lower crop, and quality problems have been reported in the western cotton regions concerning fiber strength. Market sources expect arrivals from the central region to taper off by late March compared to the more normal period of April/May.

TABLE 1
U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production

COMMODITY	Planted Area			Harvested Area			Yield				Production			
	Prel.			Prel.			Prel.				Prel.			
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.
	--Million acres--			--Million acres--			--Bushels per acre--				--Million bushels--			
All Wheat	65.8	62.7	62.5	59.0	53.8	53.0	43.2	42.7	41.9	41.9	2,547	2,299	2,223	2,223
Winter	46.4	43.3	43.3	40.1	35.5	35.0	46.9	47.8	44.6	44.6	1,881	1,697	1,563	1,563
Other	19.4	19.4	19.2	18.9	18.3	18.0	35.2	32.9	36.7	36.7	666	602	660	660
Soybeans	72.0	73.7	74.5	70.4	72.4	72.7	38.9	36.6	38.1	38.1	2,741	2,654	2,770	2,770
Corn	80.2	77.4	79.6	72.6	70.5	72.7	134.4	133.8	137.1	137.1	9,759	9,431	9,968	9,968
Sorghum	9.6	9.3	9.2	7.7	8.5	7.7	67.3	69.7	60.9	60.9	520	595	470	470
Barley	6.3	5.2	5.8	5.9	4.7	5.2	60.0	59.2	61.1	61.1	352	280	318	318
Oats	4.9	4.7	4.5	2.8	2.5	2.3	60.2	59.6	64.2	64.2	166	146	149	149
							--Pounds per acre--				--Million CWT--			
Rice	3.3	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.0	5,663	5,866	6,278	6,278	184.4	206.0	191.1	191.1
											--Million 480-pound bales--			
All Cotton	13.4	14.9	15.5	10.7	13.4	13.1	625	607	631	631	13.9	17.0	17.2	17.2

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TABLE 2
World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America			Europe		FSU-12	Asia				South America		Selected Other			All Others		
			United States			Europe Union	Oth. Europe		Eastern Europe	China	India	Indonesia	Pakistan	Thailand	Argentina	Brazil	Australia		South Africa	Turkey
---Million metric tons---																				
<u>Wheat</u>																				
1998/99	588.2	518.9	69.3	24.1	3.2	103.1	0.9	33.3	56.1	109.7	66.4	0.0	18.7	0.0	12.4	2.2	21.5	1.9	18.0	47.4
1999/00 prel.	587.9	525.4	62.6	26.9	3.1	97.1	0.9	29.0	65.2	113.9	70.8	0.0	17.9	0.0	15.5	2.5	25.0	1.7	16.5	39.5
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	578.8	518.3	60.5	26.8	3.3	104.8	0.9	27.8	63.1	102.0	75.6	0.0	21.0	0.0	16.5	1.6	19.5	2.1	17.5	35.9
Feb.	579.5	519.0	60.5	26.8	3.3	104.7	0.9	27.8	62.7	102.0	75.6	0.0	21.0	0.0	16.5	1.6	20.5	2.1	17.5	36.0
<u>Coarse Grains</u>																				
1998/99	890.0	618.6	271.5	26.6	24.7	105.5	1.7	51.0	38.0	144.2	31.7	6.5	1.9	4.5	17.8	33.5	10.1	8.1	10.5	102.5
1999/00 prel.	877.0	613.8	263.2	26.8	26.0	102.8	1.7	54.8	40.3	138.6	30.4	6.2	1.8	4.1	21.7	32.5	8.7	11.1	9.6	96.7
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	858.4	584.0	274.5	24.3	25.5	108.7	1.7	36.0	49.6	114.1	31.5	6.2	1.8	4.6	19.1	38.1	9.2	9.0	10.4	94.2
Feb.	859.7	585.3	274.5	24.3	25.5	108.5	1.7	36.0	49.7	114.1	31.5	6.2	1.8	4.6	19.1	39.6	9.4	8.4	10.4	94.5
<u>Rice (Milled)</u>																				
1998/99	394.2	388.4	5.8	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	139.1	86.0	31.9	4.7	15.6	1.1	7.9	1.0	0.0	0.2	98.2
1999/00 prel.	406.3	399.8	6.5	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	138.9	89.5	33.4	5.2	16.5	0.6	7.8	0.8	0.0	0.2	104.1
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	397.5	391.5	6.0	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	133.0	88.5	33.5	4.3	16.6	0.4	7.4	1.0	0.0	0.2	103.9
Feb.	397.8	391.8	6.0	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	133.0	88.5	33.5	4.3	16.6	0.4	7.4	1.1	0.0	0.2	104.0
<u>Total Grains 1/</u>																				
1998/99	1,872.4	1,525.8	346.6	50.6	28.2	210.4	2.6	84.3	94.8	393.0	184.0	38.4	25.3	20.1	31.2	43.5	32.5	10.0	28.7	248.0
1999/00 prel.	1,871.2	1,539.0	332.2	53.6	29.4	201.6	2.6	83.8	106.3	391.5	190.7	39.6	24.8	20.6	37.7	42.9	34.5	12.8	26.3	240.4
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	1,834.8	1,493.8	341.0	51.1	29.1	215.2	2.6	63.7	113.4	349.1	195.6	39.7	27.1	21.2	36.0	47.1	29.7	11.0	28.1	234.0
Feb.	1,837.0	1,496.0	341.0	51.1	29.1	214.9	2.6	63.7	113.1	349.1	195.6	39.7	27.1	21.2	36.0	48.6	31.0	10.5	28.1	234.4
<u>Oilseeds 2/</u>																				
1998/99	294.1	209.8	84.4	10.5	0.6	15.2	0.1	5.1	9.0	44.4	25.0	2.2	3.7	0.5	27.8	32.3	3.1	1.5	2.1	26.8
1999/00 prel.	300.8	218.5	82.3	11.7	0.5	16.5	0.1	6.1	11.0	45.3	22.3	2.4	4.3	0.5	28.0	34.4	3.8	0.9	2.1	28.7
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	303.5	218.2	85.3	9.9	0.4	14.8	0.1	4.6	11.2	48.5	22.3	2.4	4.0	0.5	28.2	35.9	2.9	1.2	1.9	29.4
Feb.	305.2	219.9	85.3	9.9	0.4	14.8	0.1	4.5	11.3	48.5	22.1	2.4	4.0	0.5	28.7	36.9	2.9	1.0	1.9	29.8
---Million 480 pound bales---																				
<u>Cotton</u>																				
1998/99	84.9	71.0	13.9	0.0	1.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	6.6	20.7	12.9	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.9	2.1	3.3	0.2	3.9	10.7
1999/00 prel.	87.2	70.2	17.0	0.0	0.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	7.3	17.6	12.2	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.6	3.1	3.4	0.1	3.6	10.3
2000/01 proj.																				
Jan.	88.4	71.2	17.2	0.0	0.3	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.4	20.0	11.9	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.9	3.7	3.3	0.2	3.7	10.3
Feb.	88.1	70.8	17.2	0.0	0.3	2.4	0.0	0.0	6.4	20.0	11.5	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.9	3.7	3.3	0.2	3.7	10.3

1/ Includes wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above.

2/ Includes soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, rapeseed for individual countries. Copra and palm kernel are added to world totals.

Note: Entries of 0.0 indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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TABLE 3
Wheat Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	224.68	216.83	215.42	215.41	2.62	2.71	2.69	2.69	588.19	587.94	578.81	579.48	0.67	0.12	-8.47	-1.44
United States	23.88	21.78	21.46	21.46	2.90	2.87	2.82	2.82	69.33	62.57	60.51	60.51	0.00	0.00	-2.06	-3.29
Total Foreign	200.80	195.04	193.96	193.95	2.58	2.69	2.67	2.68	518.86	525.38	518.30	518.96	0.67	0.13	-6.41	-1.22
Major Exporters	44.54	45.79	46.83	46.82	3.62	3.59	3.58	3.60	161.03	164.48	167.57	168.49	0.93	0.55	4.02	2.44
European Union	17.09	17.01	17.68	17.67	6.03	5.71	5.93	5.93	103.09	97.12	104.77	104.69	-0.07	-0.07	7.58	7.80
France	5.23	5.12	5.00	5.00	7.60	7.28	7.50	7.50	39.79	37.23	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.72
United Kingdom	2.05	1.85	2.10	2.09	7.56	8.05	8.00	8.01	15.47	14.87	16.80	16.70	-0.10	-0.60	1.83	12.31
Germany	2.80	2.60	2.97	2.97	7.20	7.54	7.27	7.27	20.19	19.62	21.60	21.60	0.00	0.00	1.99	10.12
Canada	10.77	10.36	10.90	10.90	2.24	2.59	2.46	2.46	24.08	26.85	26.80	26.80	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-0.19
Australia	11.54	12.34	12.00	12.00	1.86	2.03	1.63	1.71	21.47	25.01	19.50	20.50	1.00	5.13	-4.51	-18.04
Argentina	5.13	6.07	6.25	6.25	2.42	2.55	2.64	2.64	12.40	15.50	16.50	16.50	0.00	0.00	1.00	6.45
Major Importers	96.94	90.31	89.58	89.58	2.32	2.54	2.36	2.36	225.36	228.99	211.49	211.29	-0.20	-0.09	-17.71	-7.73
China	29.77	28.86	27.00	27.00	3.69	3.95	3.78	3.78	109.73	113.88	102.00	102.00	0.00	0.00	-11.88	-10.43
FSU-12	44.90	41.70	42.32	42.32	1.25	1.56	1.49	1.48	56.13	65.19	63.14	62.74	-0.40	-0.63	-2.45	-3.76
Russia	26.10	23.00	23.00	23.00	1.03	1.35	1.50	1.50	27.00	31.00	34.40	34.40	0.00	0.00	3.40	10.97
Ukraine	5.64	5.90	5.70	5.70	2.65	2.29	1.79	1.79	14.94	13.50	10.20	10.20	0.00	0.00	-3.30	-24.44
Kazakhstan	9.10	8.73	9.50	9.50	0.52	1.28	1.00	0.96	4.70	11.20	9.50	9.10	-0.40	-4.21	-2.10	-18.75
Baltic States	0.56	0.53	0.54	0.54	2.71	2.50	2.62	2.99	1.52	1.32	1.40	1.60	0.20	14.29	0.28	21.12
Eastern Europe	9.58	8.35	8.78	8.78	3.48	3.47	3.16	3.16	33.32	28.95	27.75	27.75	0.00	0.00	-1.20	-4.15
Poland	2.63	2.58	2.60	2.60	3.62	3.50	3.23	3.23	9.54	9.05	8.40	8.40	0.00	0.00	-0.65	-7.19
Iran	6.60	6.00	6.00	6.00	1.82	1.42	1.25	1.25	12.00	8.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	-1.00	-11.76
Egypt	1.02	1.00	1.10	1.10	6.00	6.55	6.00	6.00	6.10	6.55	6.60	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.76
Morocco	3.09	2.70	2.50	2.50	1.42	0.78	0.60	0.60	4.38	2.10	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	-0.60	-28.57
Brazil	1.43	1.19	1.35	1.35	1.54	2.11	1.19	1.19	2.19	2.50	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	-0.90	-36.00
Other Foreign	59.33	58.94	57.55	57.55	2.23	2.24	2.42	2.42	132.47	131.91	139.24	139.18	-0.06	-0.04	7.28	5.52
India	26.70	27.40	26.74	26.74	2.49	2.58	2.83	2.83	66.35	70.78	75.57	75.57	0.00	0.00	4.79	6.77
Turkey	8.55	8.65	8.65	8.65	2.11	1.91	2.02	2.02	18.00	16.50	17.50	17.50	0.00	0.00	1.00	6.06
Pakistan	8.36	8.23	8.60	8.60	2.24	2.17	2.44	2.44	18.69	17.85	21.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	3.15	17.62
Mexico	0.77	0.70	0.75	0.75	4.21	4.43	4.40	4.40	3.24	3.10	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.20	6.45
Saudi Arabia	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.37	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.75	0.72	0.86	0.86	2.52	2.40	2.41	2.47	1.88	1.73	2.07	2.12	0.05	2.42	0.39	22.90
Others	13.87	12.91	11.62	11.62	1.62	1.56	1.55	1.54	22.51	20.15	18.00	17.89	-0.11	-0.61	-2.25	-11.18

TABLE 4

Total Coarse Grain Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change In Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	307.89	302.54	300.73	300.64	2.89	2.90	2.85	2.86	890.04	876.96	858.41	859.73	1.32	0.15	-17.23	-1.96
United States	36.16	35.05	35.73	35.73	7.51	7.51	7.68	7.68	271.47	263.17	274.45	274.45	0.00	0.00	11.28	4.29
Total Foreign	271.73	267.50	265.00	264.91	2.28	2.29	2.20	2.21	618.57	613.79	583.96	585.28	1.32	0.23	-28.51	-4.64
Major Exporters	49.91	49.88	47.62	47.49	4.14	4.15	3.69	3.69	206.72	206.86	175.72	175.34	-0.38	-0.22	-31.52	-15.24
Canada	7.38	6.94	7.13	7.13	3.60	3.86	3.42	3.42	26.57	26.77	24.35	24.35	0.00	0.00	-2.42	-9.05
Argentina	3.88	4.46	4.05	4.05	4.57	4.86	4.72	4.72	17.75	21.66	19.12	19.12	0.00	0.00	-2.55	-11.77
Australia	4.80	3.90	4.57	4.57	2.10	2.23	2.02	2.06	10.07	8.72	9.21	9.41	0.20	2.17	0.69	7.88
South Africa	4.50	4.83	4.33	4.20	1.81	2.29	2.07	2.00	8.14	11.08	8.96	8.38	-0.58	-6.47	-2.70	-24.35
China	29.36	29.75	27.55	27.55	4.91	4.66	4.14	4.14	144.19	138.64	114.10	114.10	0.00	0.00	-24.54	-17.70
Major Importers	81.40	78.05	78.44	78.48	2.74	2.91	2.85	2.85	223.44	227.51	223.55	223.75	0.20	0.09	-3.76	-1.65
FSU-12	33.52	31.57	32.57	32.57	1.13	1.28	1.52	1.53	37.97	40.35	49.57	49.70	0.13	0.26	9.35	23.17
Russia	22.05	20.60	20.20	20.20	0.86	1.06	1.39	1.39	18.95	21.80	28.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	28.44
Ukraine	5.92	5.54	6.80	6.80	1.75	1.80	1.91	1.91	10.35	9.95	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	3.05	30.65
Kazakhstan	2.17	2.03	2.15	2.15	0.64	1.34	1.06	1.12	1.39	2.72	2.27	2.40	0.13	5.73	-0.31	-11.60
Baltic States	1.20	1.12	1.12	1.12	2.16	1.76	1.92	2.17	2.58	1.97	2.14	2.42	0.27	12.85	0.45	22.59
European Union	20.09	19.05	19.24	19.28	5.25	5.40	5.65	5.63	105.55	102.77	108.69	108.49	-0.20	-0.19	5.72	5.56
Germany	4.33	4.03	4.05	4.05	5.63	6.16	5.83	5.83	24.39	24.84	23.60	23.60	0.00	0.00	-1.24	-4.98
France	3.92	3.75	3.76	3.76	7.22	7.25	7.58	7.58	28.28	27.17	28.52	28.52	0.00	0.00	1.35	4.98
Eastern Europe	16.02	15.94	14.79	14.79	3.18	3.44	2.43	2.43	50.98	54.78	35.96	35.96	0.00	0.00	-18.82	-34.35
Poland	6.21	6.13	6.03	6.03	2.84	2.73	2.31	2.31	17.62	16.70	13.94	13.94	0.00	0.00	-2.76	-16.55
Romania	3.80	3.83	3.30	3.30	2.54	3.12	1.56	1.56	9.64	11.95	5.16	5.16	0.00	0.00	-6.79	-56.84
Czech Rep.	0.74	0.69	0.64	0.64	3.68	4.01	3.43	3.43	2.74	2.77	2.18	2.18	0.00	0.00	-0.59	-21.36
Mexico	10.22	10.01	10.35	10.35	2.42	2.59	2.46	2.46	24.70	25.95	25.50	25.50	0.00	0.00	-0.45	-1.73
Other W. Europe	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.37	4.80	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.67	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	140.42	139.56	138.95	138.95	1.34	1.29	1.33	1.34	188.41	179.42	184.68	186.18	1.50	0.81	6.77	3.77
Thailand	1.45	1.31	1.36	1.36	3.10	3.13	3.38	3.38	4.50	4.10	4.60	4.60	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.20
India	29.52	29.56	29.65	29.65	1.07	1.03	1.06	1.06	31.67	30.40	31.50	31.50	0.00	0.00	1.10	3.62
Brazil	12.92	13.06	14.16	14.16	2.59	2.49	2.69	2.80	33.46	32.51	38.10	39.60	1.50	3.94	7.09	21.81
Turkey	4.63	4.63	4.68	4.68	2.26	2.08	2.23	2.23	10.48	9.62	10.42	10.42	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.32
Indonesia	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Philippines	2.77	2.55	2.50	2.50	1.77	1.75	1.72	1.72	4.89	4.45	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.15	-3.35
Others	85.95	85.45	83.60	83.60	1.13	1.08	1.07	1.07	96.91	92.14	89.57	89.57	-0.00	-0.00	-2.58	-2.79

TABLE 5
Corn Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	139.12	140.12	139.47	139.38	4.35	4.32	4.19	4.20	605.27	605.65	584.43	585.56	1.13	0.19	-20.09	-3.32
United States	29.38	28.53	29.43	29.43	8.44	8.40	8.60	8.60	247.88	239.55	253.21	253.21	0.00	0.00	13.66	5.70
Total Foreign	109.75	111.59	110.04	109.94	3.26	3.28	3.01	3.02	357.39	366.10	331.22	332.35	1.13	0.34	-33.75	-9.22
Major Exporters																
Argentina	31.41	32.87	30.20	30.10	4.91	4.74	4.25	4.25	154.18	155.87	128.50	128.00	-0.50	-0.39	-27.87	-17.88
South Africa	2.61	3.10	2.80	2.80	5.18	5.55	5.36	5.36	13.50	17.20	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	-2.20	-12.79
China	3.57	3.87	3.40	3.30	2.17	2.74	2.50	2.42	7.72	10.58	8.50	8.00	-0.50	-5.88	-2.58	-24.41
	25.24	25.90	24.00	24.00	5.27	4.94	4.38	4.38	132.95	128.09	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	-23.09	-18.02
Major Importers																
Eastern Europe	21.34	21.08	21.55	21.55	3.93	4.37	3.78	3.78	83.91	92.08	81.39	81.52	0.13	0.16	-10.56	-11.47
Romania	6.80	7.03	6.39	6.39	3.69	4.39	2.61	2.61	25.12	30.84	16.66	16.66	0.00	0.00	-14.18	-45.98
Yugoslavia	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.70	2.67	3.50	1.48	1.48	8.00	10.50	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	-6.50	-61.90
European Union	2.03	2.10	1.80	1.80	4.13	4.72	3.06	3.06	8.39	9.90	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00	-4.40	-44.44
France	4.13	4.15	4.20	4.21	8.54	8.92	9.25	9.24	35.30	36.96	38.89	38.89	0.00	0.00	1.93	5.22
Italy	1.80	1.76	1.78	1.78	8.45	8.72	9.18	9.18	15.20	15.37	16.30	16.30	0.00	0.00	0.93	6.02
Mexico	0.97	1.03	1.10	1.10	8.88	9.70	9.82	9.82	8.60	10.00	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	0.80	8.00
FSU-12	7.90	7.70	8.00	8.00	2.25	2.47	2.31	2.31	17.79	19.00	18.50	18.50	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-2.63
Russia	2.44	2.16	2.91	2.91	2.19	2.30	2.41	2.46	5.35	4.95	7.01	7.14	0.13	1.86	2.19	44.26
Ukraine	0.79	0.60	0.90	0.90	1.02	1.83	1.67	1.67	0.80	1.10	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.40	36.36
Other W. Europe	0.91	0.70	1.20	1.20	2.53	2.43	3.17	3.17	2.30	1.70	3.80	3.80	0.00	0.00	2.10	123.53
Others	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	8.41	8.80	8.80	8.80	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	4.17	4.12	4.23	4.23	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.80
Other Foreign																
Thailand	56.99	57.64	58.29	58.29	2.09	2.05	2.08	2.11	119.30	118.15	121.33	122.83	1.50	1.24	4.68	3.96
Brazil	1.29	1.15	1.20	1.20	3.33	3.39	3.67	3.67	4.30	3.90	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	0.50	12.82
India	12.25	12.50	13.50	13.50	2.64	2.53	2.74	2.85	32.35	31.60	37.00	38.50	1.50	4.05	6.90	21.84
Canada	6.08	6.51	6.60	6.60	1.76	1.76	1.82	1.82	10.68	11.47	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.53	4.62
Indonesia	1.12	1.15	1.08	1.08	8.01	7.91	6.33	6.33	8.95	9.10	6.80	6.80	0.00	0.00	-2.30	-25.24
Philippines	3.20	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.03	2.07	2.07	2.07	6.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	2.77	2.55	2.50	2.50	1.77	1.75	1.72	1.72	4.89	4.45	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.15	-3.35
Zimbabwe	0.74	0.73	0.75	0.75	7.61	7.78	7.73	7.73	5.61	5.68	5.80	5.80	0.00	0.00	0.12	2.15
Others	1.45	1.45	0.95	0.95	1.05	1.18	1.05	1.05	1.52	1.70	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	-0.70	-41.18
	28.11	28.61	28.72	28.72	1.58	1.54	1.53	1.53	44.50	44.06	43.83	43.83	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-0.52

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TABLE 6
Barley Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	61.09	56.47	54.84	54.88	2.24	2.27	2.44	2.44	137.12	128.04	133.78	133.96	0.18	0.13	5.92	4.62
United States	2.37	1.92	2.11	2.11	3.23	3.19	3.29	3.29	7.67	6.10	6.92	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.82	13.40
Total Foreign	58.72	54.55	52.74	52.77	2.20	2.24	2.41	2.41	129.45	121.94	126.86	127.04	0.18	0.14	5.10	4.18
European Union	11.47	10.84	10.71	10.74	4.52	4.51	4.83	4.80	51.91	48.88	51.77	51.56	-0.20	-0.39	2.68	5.49
Denmark	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.76	5.20	5.06	5.39	5.39	3.57	3.62	4.10	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.48	13.26
France	1.63	1.53	1.55	1.55	6.49	6.22	6.45	6.45	10.59	9.54	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.46	4.83
Germany	2.24	2.21	2.07	2.07	5.60	6.02	5.85	5.85	12.51	13.30	12.10	12.10	0.00	0.00	-1.20	-9.03
Italy	0.36	0.35	0.30	0.30	3.80	3.81	3.83	3.83	1.38	1.33	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00	-0.18	-13.47
Spain	3.53	3.11	3.25	3.25	3.09	2.39	3.32	3.32	10.90	7.43	10.80	10.80	0.00	0.00	3.37	45.28
United Kingdom	1.26	1.18	1.10	1.13	5.28	5.59	6.09	5.76	6.63	6.58	6.70	6.50	-0.20	-2.99	-0.08	-1.22
FSU-12	18.13	17.07	16.48	16.48	1.08	1.25	1.54	1.54	19.66	21.36	25.39	25.39	0.00	0.00	4.02	18.83
Russia	11.28	10.50	9.30	9.30	0.87	1.01	1.51	1.51	9.80	10.60	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	3.40	32.08
Ukraine	3.57	3.47	4.00	4.00	1.65	1.84	1.73	1.73	5.88	6.40	6.90	6.90	0.00	0.00	0.50	7.81
Kazakhstan	1.80	1.70	1.80	1.80	0.61	1.32	1.11	1.11	1.10	2.25	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-11.11
Baltic States	0.79	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.19	1.71	1.91	2.17	1.73	1.28	1.43	1.63	0.20	13.99	0.35	27.15
Eastern Europe	3.45	3.22	2.93	2.93	3.10	2.99	2.65	2.65	10.69	9.63	7.76	7.76	0.00	0.00	-1.88	-19.50
Poland	1.14	1.11	1.10	1.10	3.17	3.07	2.64	2.64	3.61	3.40	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-14.73
Czech Rep.	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.50	3.61	3.94	3.30	3.30	2.09	2.14	1.65	1.65	0.00	0.00	-0.49	-22.79
Romania	0.55	0.55	0.35	0.35	2.25	1.85	2.14	2.14	1.24	1.02	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	-0.27	-26.11
Canada	4.27	4.07	4.50	4.50	2.98	3.24	3.00	3.00	12.71	13.20	13.50	13.50	0.00	0.00	0.30	2.30
Other W. Europe	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.23	4.62	4.19	4.19	4.19	0.95	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.18	3.92	3.53	3.53	3.53	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	3.60	3.55	3.60	3.60	2.08	1.86	2.06	2.06	7.50	6.60	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	0.80	12.12
Australia	3.17	2.55	3.00	3.00	1.89	1.98	1.80	1.87	5.99	5.04	5.40	5.60	0.20	3.70	0.56	11.05
China	1.20	1.00	0.80	0.80	2.92	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	2.80	2.80	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-6.67
Morocco	2.43	2.10	1.50	1.50	0.81	0.67	0.40	0.40	1.97	1.40	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-57.14
India	0.76	0.78	0.75	0.75	2.22	1.88	2.00	2.00	1.68	1.47	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.03	2.04
Others	9.25	8.39	7.50	7.50	1.21	1.09	1.12	1.12	11.17	9.13	8.38	8.36	-0.02	-0.24	-0.76	-8.38

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TABLE 7

Oats Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production				
	1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year		
	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent	
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons								
World	15.50	14.10	13.97	13.97	1.67	1.73	1.87	1.87	1.87	25.91	24.38	26.18	26.18	0.00	0.00	1.80	7.38
United States	1.12	0.99	0.94	0.94	2.16	2.14	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.41	2.12	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.07
Total Foreign	14.38	13.11	13.03	13.03	1.63	1.70	1.84	1.84	1.84	23.50	22.26	24.02	24.02	0.00	0.00	1.76	7.89
FSU-12	6.24	5.48	5.44	5.44	0.99	1.08	1.40	1.40	1.40	6.17	5.93	7.60	7.60	0.00	0.00	1.67	28.21
Russia	5.23	4.50	4.50	4.50	0.88	0.98	1.33	1.33	1.33	4.60	4.40	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	1.60	36.36
Ukraine	0.55	0.53	0.53	0.53	1.42	1.43	1.71	1.71	1.71	0.78	0.76	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.14	18.42
Belarus	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	2.33	1.83	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.70	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.05	9.09
Baltic States	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	2.11	1.77	1.83	1.83	1.83	0.32	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	3.00
Maj. Foreign Exporters	2.74	2.31	2.33	2.33	2.24	2.29	2.19	2.19	2.19	6.14	5.29	5.10	5.10	0.00	0.00	-0.19	-3.52
Canada	1.59	1.40	1.30	1.30	2.49	2.60	2.62	2.62	2.62	3.96	3.64	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-6.62
Australia	0.91	0.58	0.75	0.75	1.98	1.89	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.80	1.09	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.16	14.47
Argentina	0.24	0.34	0.28	0.28	1.60	1.65	1.61	1.61	1.61	0.38	0.55	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-18.63
Other Foreign	5.25	5.16	5.11	5.11	2.07	2.09	2.16	2.16	2.16	10.87	10.78	11.04	11.04	0.00	0.00	0.26	2.43
China	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.18	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
European Union	1.97	1.92	1.93	1.93	3.13	3.18	3.48	3.48	3.48	6.15	6.12	6.72	6.72	0.00	0.00	0.61	9.94
France	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	4.73	4.51	4.55	4.55	4.55	0.66	0.55	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-9.09
Germany	0.30	0.27	0.24	0.24	4.22	5.00	4.68	4.68	4.68	1.28	1.34	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-17.85
Italy	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	2.00	2.42	2.47	2.47	2.47	0.28	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.94
Finland	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	2.52	2.54	3.50	3.50	3.50	0.98	0.99	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.41	41.41
Sweden	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	3.65	3.87	4.13	4.13	4.13	1.14	1.20	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.10	8.33
Eastern Europe	1.10	1.15	1.14	1.14	2.28	2.21	1.97	1.97	1.97	2.50	2.54	2.25	2.25	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-11.65
Czech Rep.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	3.10	3.18	2.73	2.73	2.73	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-14.29
Poland	0.56	0.57	0.60	0.60	2.60	2.53	2.13	2.13	2.13	1.46	1.45	1.28	1.28	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-11.83
Yugoslavia	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	1.99	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norway	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	4.23	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	0.39	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turkey	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.80	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	1.37	1.35	1.29	1.29	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.88	0.86	0.81	0.81	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-5.80

TABLE 8

Rye Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production				
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year		
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent	

TABLE 9
Sorghum Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	1998/99		1999/00		1998/99		1999/00		1998/99		1999/00		From last month		From last year	
	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	Prel.	2000/01 Proj.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	1998/99	2000/01 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	2000/01 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	2000/01 Proj.	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	From last month	From last year	From last month	From last year
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	40.23	41.15	40.85	40.82	1.48	1.45	1.36	1.36	59.40	59.65	55.58	55.52	-0.06	-0.11	-4.13	-6.92
United States	3.13	3.46	3.13	3.13	4.23	4.37	3.82	3.82	13.21	15.12	11.94	11.94	0.00	0.00	-3.18	-21.02
Total Foreign	37.10	37.69	37.73	37.70	1.24	1.18	1.16	1.16	46.19	44.53	43.64	43.58	-0.06	-0.14	-0.95	-2.13
India	9.98	10.52	10.30	10.30	0.87	0.82	0.87	0.87	8.71	8.65	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	4.05
China	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.95	4.22	4.16	3.16	3.16	4.09	3.95	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	-0.95	-24.05
Mexico	1.95	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.28	3.20	3.20	3.20	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	6.60	6.60	6.60	6.60	1.11	1.14	1.09	1.09	7.30	7.50	7.20	7.20	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-4.00
Sudan	6.00	5.80	6.00	6.00	0.75	0.41	0.42	0.42	4.50	2.35	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.15	6.38
Argentina	0.74	0.72	0.67	0.67	4.38	4.63	4.63	4.63	3.22	3.35	3.10	3.10	0.00	0.00	-0.25	-7.46
Australia	0.59	0.65	0.68	0.68	3.22	3.34	3.11	3.11	1.89	2.16	2.10	2.10	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-2.91
Ethiopia	1.45	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.20	1.45	1.45	1.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	2.92	3.00	2.83	2.83	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Venezuela	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Egypt	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	4.78	4.84	4.69	4.69	0.77	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yemen	0.38	0.40	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.38	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.85	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niger	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.40	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-7.69
South Africa	0.10	0.14	0.13	0.10	1.58	2.48	1.92	1.90	0.16	0.35	0.25	0.19	-0.06	-24.00	-0.16	-46.02
Thailand	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	5.74	5.69	5.78	5.78	1.00	0.96	1.00	1.00	5.71	5.47	5.79	5.79	0.00	0.00	0.32	5.87

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TABLE 10
Rice Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield (Rough)				Production (Milled)				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	152.42	154.18	151.63	151.46	3.84	3.92	3.90	3.91	394.16	406.34	397.55	397.78	0.23	0.06	-8.57	-2.11
United States	1.32	1.42	1.23	1.23	6.35	6.58	7.04	7.04	5.80	6.50	6.03	6.03	0.00	0.00	-0.48	-7.34
Total Foreign	151.10	152.76	150.40	150.23	3.82	3.89	3.87	3.88	388.36	399.84	391.52	391.75	0.23	0.06	-8.09	-2.02
Major Exporters	64.50	64.76	64.47	64.47	2.95	3.06	3.05	3.05	126.37	131.88	130.50	130.50	0.00	0.00	-1.38	-1.05
Vietnam	7.58	7.66	7.57	7.57	4.02	4.10	4.23	4.23	20.11	20.75	21.10	21.10	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.70
Thailand	9.90	10.08	10.05	10.05	2.39	2.48	2.50	2.50	15.59	16.50	16.60	16.60	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.61
India	44.60	44.50	44.60	44.60	2.89	3.02	2.98	2.98	86.00	89.48	88.50	88.50	0.00	0.00	-0.98	-1.10
Pakistan	2.42	2.52	2.25	2.25	2.89	3.08	2.87	2.87	4.67	5.16	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.86	-16.60
Major Importers	22.57	22.72	22.41	22.40	3.63	3.78	3.79	3.78	52.46	54.94	54.29	54.27	-0.02	-0.04	-0.67	-1.21
Indonesia	11.85	11.65	11.70	11.70	4.25	4.54	4.53	4.53	31.85	33.45	33.50	33.50	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.15
Brazil	3.70	3.65	3.55	3.55	3.13	3.16	3.07	3.07	7.88	7.84	7.40	7.40	0.00	0.00	-0.44	-5.65
European Union	0.41	0.40	0.40	0.39	6.60	6.72	6.66	6.64	1.75	1.73	1.72	1.70	-0.02	-1.16	-0.02	-1.45
Iran	0.60	0.55	0.45	0.45	4.63	4.23	4.00	4.00	1.85	1.55	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-22.58
Philippines	3.63	4.00	3.85	3.85	2.83	2.99	3.15	3.15	6.67	7.77	7.88	7.88	0.00	0.00	0.11	1.43
Nigeria	1.65	1.66	1.65	1.65	1.92	2.01	2.02	2.02	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Foreign	64.03	65.29	63.53	63.36	4.77	4.76	4.75	4.77	209.53	213.02	206.73	206.98	0.25	0.12	-6.04	-2.83
China	31.21	31.28	30.00	30.00	6.37	6.34	6.33	6.33	139.10	138.94	133.00	133.00	0.00	0.00	-5.94	-4.27
Burma	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80	2.86	2.93	2.91	2.91	9.30	9.86	9.80	9.80	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-0.61
Bangladesh	9.69	10.70	10.50	10.50	3.07	3.02	3.04	3.04	19.85	21.53	21.30	21.30	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-1.07
Japan	1.80	1.79	1.77	1.77	6.22	6.41	6.70	6.70	8.15	8.35	8.64	8.64	0.00	0.00	0.29	3.43
South Korea	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.07	6.42	6.58	6.59	6.59	5.10	5.26	5.30	5.30	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.70
Egypt	0.50	0.65	0.65	0.65	8.33	8.91	9.23	9.23	2.65	3.79	3.90	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.11	2.98
Taiwan	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	5.19	5.46	5.46	5.46	1.31	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FSU-12	0.44	0.47	0.34	0.35	2.57	2.51	3.13	3.01	0.73	0.77	0.70	0.68	-0.02	-2.43	-0.09	-11.77
Russia	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.17	2.84	2.62	3.39	3.39	0.27	0.29	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.09	29.31
Australia	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.18	9.14	8.09	8.55	9.14	0.99	0.78	0.97	1.14	0.17	17.70	0.37	47.61
Others	13.22	13.02	12.87	12.68	2.60	2.64	2.60	2.65	22.34	22.34	21.72	21.82	0.09	0.43	-0.53	-2.36

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TABLE 11

Total Oilseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production				Change in Production						
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.	From last month		From last year					
	1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00		1998/99	1999/00		MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent				
							Metric tons per hectare			Million metric tons							
World Total 1/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	294.15	300.78	303.47	305.15	1.68	0.55	4.37	1.45
Total Foreign 1/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	209.78	218.47	218.22	219.90	1.68	0.77	1.43	0.66
Copra	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.32	5.38	5.15	5.65	0.50	9.71	0.27	4.94
Palm Kernel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.62	6.20	6.63	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.43	6.88
Major Oilseeds 2/	171.71	174.66	172.95	172.57	1.66	1.66	1.69	1.70	1.70	284.21	289.20	291.69	292.88	1.18	0.41	3.68	1.27
United States 2/	35.28	37.15	36.94	36.94	2.39	2.22	2.31	2.31	2.31	84.37	82.32	85.25	85.25	0.00	0.00	2.94	3.57
Foreign Oilseeds 2/	136.44	137.51	136.02	135.64	1.46	1.50	1.52	1.53	1.53	199.84	206.88	206.44	207.62	1.18	0.57	0.74	0.36
South America	29.18	29.31	29.62	29.82	2.22	2.29	2.33	2.37	2.37	64.67	67.02	69.11	70.61	1.50	2.17	3.59	5.36
Brazil	13.74	14.50	14.44	14.64	2.35	2.38	2.49	2.52	2.52	32.28	34.45	35.94	36.94	1.00	2.78	2.49	7.24
Argentina	13.04	12.60	12.71	12.71	2.13	2.22	2.22	2.26	2.26	27.80	27.97	28.23	28.73	0.50	1.77	0.76	2.74
Paraguay	1.43	1.40	1.57	1.57	2.24	2.22	2.12	2.12	2.12	3.20	3.10	3.34	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.24	7.72
China	24.25	23.87	26.05	26.05	1.83	1.90	1.86	1.86	1.86	44.37	45.26	48.54	48.54	0.00	0.00	3.28	7.24
India	32.54	30.37	29.65	29.62	0.77	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.75	25.02	22.28	22.25	22.08	-0.18	-0.80	-0.20	-0.92
European Union	6.40	6.54	5.97	5.97	2.37	2.52	2.48	2.48	2.48	15.17	16.50	14.79	14.79	0.00	0.00	-1.71	-10.39
France	2.06	2.29	2.04	2.04	2.75	2.88	2.79	2.79	2.79	5.66	6.57	5.67	5.67	0.00	0.00	-0.90	-13.70
Italy	0.79	0.57	0.55	0.55	2.07	2.39	2.31	2.31	2.31	1.64	1.36	1.27	1.27	0.00	0.00	-0.09	-6.54
Germany	1.05	1.24	1.13	1.13	3.33	3.48	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.48	4.31	3.64	3.64	0.00	0.00	-0.67	-15.52
Spain	1.14	1.01	0.99	0.99	1.16	0.82	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.33	0.82	1.41	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.59	71.59
United Kingdom	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	2.67	2.67	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.53	-30.76
FSU-12	10.24	12.34	11.25	11.30	0.88	0.89	1.00	1.00	1.00	9.00	11.02	11.25	11.34	0.09	0.83	0.32	2.87
Russia	4.66	6.21	5.10	5.10	0.73	0.74	0.84	0.86	0.86	3.42	4.62	4.30	4.40	0.10	2.33	-0.22	-4.74
Ukraine	2.52	3.05	3.11	3.11	0.94	0.96	1.20	1.20	1.20	2.37	2.91	3.73	3.73	0.00	0.00	0.82	28.05
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	1.35	1.43	1.33	1.33	1.33	2.00	2.15	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00	-0.28	-12.79
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-9.52
Canada	6.48	6.65	5.95	5.95	1.62	1.76	1.67	1.67	1.67	10.49	11.70	9.94	9.94	0.00	0.00	-1.76	-15.01
Indonesia	1.77	1.81	1.84	1.84	1.27	1.30	1.32	1.32	1.32	2.24	2.36	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	0.07	2.97
Pakistan	3.47	3.49	3.50	3.50	1.06	1.24	1.15	1.15	1.15	3.67	4.32	4.02	4.02	0.00	0.00	-0.31	-7.10
Eastern Europe	3.15	3.88	3.14	3.12	1.63	1.58	1.46	1.46	1.46	5.12	6.14	4.58	4.54	-0.04	-0.92	-1.60	-26.02
Poland	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.14	2.14	1.10	1.13	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-20.49
Romania	0.97	1.12	0.90	0.90	1.21	1.12	0.87	0.87	0.87	1.17	1.26	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00	-0.48	-37.85
Hungary	0.50	0.76	0.48	0.48	1.65	1.56	1.47	1.47	1.47	0.83	1.19	0.71	0.71	0.00	0.00	-0.48	-40.51
Turkey	1.34	1.32	1.28	1.28	1.53	1.59	1.49	1.49	1.49	2.05	2.10	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-9.52
Philippines	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.70
Mexico	0.40	0.33	0.25	0.25	1.57	1.50	1.47	1.47	1.47	0.63	0.49	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00	-0.12	-24.90
Others	17.22	17.58	17.49	16.92	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.01	17.39	17.67	17.24	17.05	-0.19	-1.10	-0.62	-3.49

1/ Major oilseeds plus copra and palm kernel. 2/ Individual countries and regions include soybean, cottonseed, peanut (inshell), sunflowerseed, and rapeseed.

TABLE 12
Soybean Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.				Prel.				Prel.				From last month			
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	From last month	From last year	From last year	From last year
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
World	71.16	71.90	75.05	74.78	2.24	2.21	2.23	2.25	159.74	158.65	167.18	168.54	1.37	0.82	9.89	6.23
United States	28.51	29.32	29.43	29.43	2.62	2.46	2.56	2.56	74.60	72.22	75.38	75.38	0.00	0.00	3.15	4.37
Total Foreign	42.65	42.59	45.62	45.35	2.00	2.03	2.01	2.05	85.14	86.43	91.80	93.16	1.37	1.49	6.73	7.79
Major Exporters																
Brazil	22.27	23.32	24.45	24.65	2.44	2.46	2.50	2.54	54.30	57.30	61.10	62.60	1.50	2.45	5.30	9.25
Argentina	12.90	13.60	13.40	13.60	2.43	2.44	2.57	2.61	31.30	33.20	34.50	35.50	1.00	2.90	2.30	6.93
Paraguay	8.17	8.57	9.80	9.80	2.45	2.47	2.40	2.45	20.00	21.20	23.50	24.00	0.50	2.13	2.80	13.21
	1.20	1.15	1.25	1.25	2.50	2.52	2.48	2.48	3.00	2.90	3.10	3.10	0.00	0.00	0.20	6.90
Other Foreign																
China	20.39	19.27	21.17	20.70	1.51	1.51	1.45	1.48	30.84	29.13	30.70	30.56	-0.13	-0.44	1.43	4.92
India	8.50	8.18	9.30	9.30	1.78	1.75	1.66	1.66	15.15	14.29	15.40	15.40	0.00	0.00	1.11	7.77
Canada	6.35	5.65	5.70	5.70	0.94	0.92	0.96	0.96	6.00	5.20	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00	0.30	5.77
Indonesia	0.98	1.00	1.06	1.06	2.79	2.77	2.55	2.55	2.74	2.78	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-2.63
Eastern Europe	1.10	1.14	1.17	1.17	1.19	1.19	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.36	1.42	1.42	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.41
European Union	0.28	0.24	0.33	0.30	1.76	2.08	1.50	1.42	0.48	0.51	0.50	0.42	-0.08	-15.15	-0.09	-17.16
FSU-12	0.52	0.37	0.36	0.36	2.95	3.12	3.00	3.00	1.54	1.14	1.09	1.09	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-4.74
Russia	0.41	0.48	0.51	0.51	0.82	0.79	0.82	0.82	0.33	0.38	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.04	10.82
Ukraine	0.38	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.79	0.76	0.78	0.78	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.02	4.79
Mexico	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.06	1.16	1.07	1.09	1.09	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.03	55.56
Thailand	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.08	1.59	1.57	1.38	1.38	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-11.29
North Korea	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	1.52	1.50	1.43	1.43	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Japan	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.13	1.00	1.13	1.13	0.34	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.04	13.33
Bolivia	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	1.45	1.73	1.73	1.73	0.16	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60
South Korea	0.63	0.59	0.59	0.59	1.54	2.04	2.03	2.03	0.96	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Colombia	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.43	1.33	1.50	1.50	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.02	16.38
Others	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	2.17	2.19	2.14	2.14	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.01	10.29
	0.79	0.80	1.30	0.87	1.47	1.45	0.99	1.42	1.15	1.15	1.29	1.23	-0.06	-4.64	0.08	7.12

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TABLE 13
Cottonseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	31.94	31.36	30.91	30.90	1.02	1.04	1.08	1.07	32.66	32.74	33.34	33.16	-0.18	-0.53	0.42	1.27
United States	4.32	5.43	5.30	5.30	1.13	1.06	1.10	1.10	4.87	5.76	5.84	5.84	0.00	0.00	0.08	1.34
Total Foreign	27.62	25.92	25.62	25.60	1.01	1.04	1.07	1.07	27.79	26.98	27.50	27.32	-0.18	-0.65	0.34	1.26
China	4.46	3.73	4.00	4.00	1.82	1.85	1.96	1.96	8.10	6.90	7.84	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.94	13.62
FSU-12	2.50	2.49	2.42	2.45	1.13	1.20	1.11	1.10	2.83	2.99	2.70	2.70	0.00	0.00	-0.30	-9.93
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	1.35	1.43	1.33	1.33	2.00	2.15	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00	-0.28	-12.79
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	0.87	0.88	0.72	0.72	0.42	0.42	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-9.52
India	9.29	8.79	8.35	8.32	0.59	0.59	0.61	0.59	5.47	5.17	5.05	4.88	-0.18	-3.52	-0.30	-5.71
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	1.07	1.28	1.17	1.17	3.13	3.75	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-6.54
Brazil	0.69	0.75	0.89	0.89	1.14	1.42	1.40	1.40	0.78	1.07	1.25	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.18	17.26
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1.66	1.60	1.75	1.75	1.26	1.15	1.18	1.18	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.17
African Franc Zone	2.21	2.27	1.94	1.94	0.66	0.62	0.62	0.62	1.47	1.41	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.21	-14.57
Australia	0.56	0.46	0.49	0.49	1.76	2.26	2.16	2.16	0.99	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.29
Egypt	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.23	1.36	1.37	1.42	1.42	0.38	0.38	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-14.67
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.48	0.48	0.55	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.36	0.24	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.12	50.00
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.60	0.62	0.68	0.68	0.10	0.12	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.08	69.42
Greece	0.41	0.43	0.40	0.40	1.39	1.55	1.63	1.63	0.57	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-2.26
Syria	0.28	0.25	0.25	0.25	2.51	2.67	3.00	3.00	0.69	0.65	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.10	14.85
Mexico	0.22	0.15	0.07	0.07	1.63	1.51	1.62	1.62	0.36	0.23	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.11	-47.83
Iran	0.23	0.21	0.23	0.23	0.81	0.90	0.83	0.83	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.16	0.16	0.85	0.55	0.84	0.84	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.01	5.69
Others	1.85	1.73	1.76	1.76	0.54	0.52	0.57	0.57	0.99	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	11.17

TABLE 14
Peanut Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production			Change in Production	
	Prel.			Prel.			Prel.			From last month	
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01 Proj.	From last month	From last year
	Million hectares			Metric tons per hectare			Million metric tons			MMT	Percent
World	21.23	21.60	22.00	1.40	1.35	1.36	29.82	29.15	29.98	-0.03	-0.10
United States	0.59	0.58	0.53	3.03	2.99	2.80	1.80	1.74	1.49	0.00	0.00
Total Foreign	20.63	21.02	21.47	1.36	1.30	1.33	28.02	27.41	28.46	-0.03	-0.11
China	4.04	4.27	4.50	2.94	2.96	2.89	11.89	12.64	13.00	0.00	0.00
India	8.10	8.00	8.10	0.92	0.69	0.75	7.45	5.50	6.10	0.00	0.00
Indonesia	0.65	0.65	0.65	1.43	1.52	1.54	0.93	0.99	1.00	0.00	0.00
Senegal	0.52	0.60	0.62	1.04	1.08	1.10	0.54	0.65	0.68	0.00	0.00
Burma	0.45	0.49	0.49	1.21	1.15	1.15	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.00	0.00
Sudan	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.00	0.00
Zaire	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.41	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00
Argentina	0.32	0.22	0.23	1.06	1.98	1.61	0.34	0.43	0.37	0.00	0.00
Nigeria	1.19	1.20	1.21	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.43	1.45	1.47	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.27	0.27	0.27	1.44	1.44	1.44	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00
South Africa	0.10	0.08	0.16	1.45	1.93	1.63	0.14	0.16	0.23	-0.03	-11.54
Thailand	0.09	0.10	0.10	1.61	1.63	1.63	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00
Burkina Faso	0.22	0.22	0.22	1.00	1.00	1.02	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00
Brazil	0.09	0.09	0.09	1.89	1.67	1.78	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.00	0.00
Central African Rep.	0.10	0.10	0.10	1.02	1.10	1.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00
Cameroon	0.32	0.42	0.42	0.28	0.40	0.40	0.09	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.15	0.15	0.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00
Mexico	0.09	0.09	0.10	1.41	1.44	1.44	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00
Gambia	0.07	0.11	0.11	1.04	1.09	1.09	0.07	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00
Others	2.78	2.88	2.88	0.91	0.92	0.92	2.53	2.66	2.65	0.00	0.00

TABLE 15
Sunflowerseed Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	21.77	22.97	19.68	19.60	1.20	1.15	1.20	1.21	26.07	26.36	23.61	23.63	0.03	0.11	-2.73	-10.36
United States	1.41	1.39	1.06	1.06	1.69	1.41	1.53	1.53	2.39	1.97	1.63	1.63	0.00	0.00	-0.34	-17.42
Total Foreign	20.36	21.58	18.62	18.53	1.16	1.13	1.18	1.19	23.68	24.40	21.98	22.01	0.03	0.12	-2.39	-9.79
FSU-12	6.89	8.74	7.66	7.68	0.80	0.83	1.01	1.02	5.55	7.26	7.71	7.81	0.09	1.21	0.55	7.51
Russia	4.09	5.53	4.40	4.40	0.73	0.75	0.86	0.89	3.00	4.15	3.80	3.90	0.10	2.63	-0.25	-6.02
Ukraine	2.40	2.78	2.80	2.80	0.94	0.98	1.25	1.25	2.27	2.72	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00	0.78	28.68
Argentina	3.91	3.48	2.20	2.20	1.82	1.75	1.82	1.82	7.10	6.10	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	-2.10	-34.43
European Union	2.24	2.05	1.97	1.97	1.52	1.57	1.88	1.88	3.40	3.21	3.69	3.69	0.00	0.00	0.48	14.89
France	0.81	0.83	0.75	0.75	2.09	2.30	2.47	2.47	1.68	1.91	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-3.14
Spain	0.99	0.84	0.86	0.86	1.11	0.69	1.40	1.40	1.10	0.58	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.62	107.25
Italy	0.31	0.26	0.25	0.25	1.31	2.00	1.80	1.80	0.41	0.52	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.07	-12.62
Eastern Europe	2.03	2.43	1.84	1.85	1.32	1.24	1.09	1.10	2.68	3.01	2.01	2.04	0.03	1.64	-0.97	-32.16
Hungary	0.43	0.53	0.32	0.32	1.65	1.50	1.41	1.41	0.71	0.80	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	-0.35	-43.40
Romania	0.82	1.04	0.80	0.80	1.18	1.05	0.88	0.88	0.97	1.10	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00	-0.40	-36.36
Yugoslavia	0.20	0.23	0.18	0.18	1.78	1.53	1.60	1.72	0.36	0.36	0.28	0.31	0.03	11.79	-0.05	-12.81
Bulgaria	0.50	0.52	0.45	0.45	1.00	1.10	0.89	0.89	0.50	0.57	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.00	-0.17	-29.82
Czech Rep.	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	2.18	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
China	0.72	0.80	0.85	0.85	1.29	1.63	1.53	1.53	0.93	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
India	2.20	2.30	2.10	2.10	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.57	1.20	1.30	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-7.69
Turkey	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.54	1.25	1.48	1.06	1.06	0.65	0.80	0.58	0.58	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-28.13
South Africa	0.83	0.40	0.59	0.47	1.34	1.34	1.08	1.13	1.11	0.53	0.63	0.53	-0.10	-15.87	-0.00	-0.19
Australia	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.10	1.25	1.23	1.10	1.10	0.21	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-25.17
Burma	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.73	0.60	0.65	0.65	1.05	1.07	1.02	1.02	0.77	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.93

TABLE 16

Rapeseed Area, Yield, and Production

World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		1998/99		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	Prel.	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
	Million hectares				Metric tons per hectare				Million metric tons							
World	25.62	26.83	25.31	25.31	1.40	1.58	1.49	1.49	35.92	42.29	37.60	37.60	0.00	0.00	-4.70	-11.10
United States	0.44	0.42	0.61	0.61	1.62	1.46	1.50	1.50	0.71	0.62	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.30	47.67
Total Foreign	25.18	26.40	24.69	24.69	1.40	1.58	1.49	1.49	35.21	41.67	36.68	36.68	0.00	0.00	-4.99	-11.98
India	6.60	5.64	5.40	5.40	0.74	0.91	0.81	0.81	4.90	5.11	4.40	4.40	0.00	0.00	-0.71	-13.89
China	6.53	6.90	7.40	7.40	1.27	1.47	1.49	1.49	8.30	10.13	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	8.57
Canada	5.43	5.56	4.82	4.82	1.41	1.58	1.48	1.48	7.64	8.80	7.12	7.12	0.00	0.00	-1.68	-19.08
European Union	3.13	3.58	3.16	3.16	3.04	3.16	2.92	2.92	9.51	11.32	9.22	9.22	0.00	0.00	-2.10	-18.52
France	1.14	1.36	1.20	1.20	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.70	4.40	3.60	3.60	0.00	0.00	-0.80	-18.18
Germany	1.01	1.20	1.10	1.10	3.36	3.51	3.23	3.23	3.39	4.21	3.55	3.55	0.00	0.00	-0.66	-15.72
United Kingdom	0.53	0.54	0.45	0.45	2.95	3.23	2.67	2.67	1.57	1.73	1.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	-0.53	-30.76
Denmark	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	3.07	2.70	2.97	2.97	0.36	0.38	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.27
Sweden	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.05	2.25	2.31	2.40	2.40	0.12	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	-0.06	-33.33
Eastern Europe	0.84	1.21	0.97	0.97	2.33	2.17	2.14	2.14	1.97	2.62	2.08	2.08	0.00	0.00	-0.54	-20.70
Poland	0.47	0.55	0.42	0.42	2.36	2.08	2.14	2.14	1.10	1.13	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	-0.23	-20.49
Czech Rep.	0.27	0.35	0.33	0.33	2.57	2.67	2.62	2.62	0.68	0.93	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00	-0.08	-8.70
Australia	1.27	1.92	1.35	1.35	1.39	1.27	1.19	1.19	1.76	2.43	1.60	1.60	0.00	0.00	-0.83	-34.05
FSU-12	0.44	0.62	0.66	0.66	0.67	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.29	0.39	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.03	6.87
Russia	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.64	0.55	0.60	0.60	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.02	11.11
Pakistan	0.34	0.33	0.30	0.30	0.86	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-7.80
Bangladesh	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.74	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.26	0.29	0.29	0.29	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.08	0.29	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-3.13

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TABLE 17
Copra, Palm Kernel, and Palm Oil Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.				
	Million metric tons				MMT	Percent	MMT	Percent
COPRA								
World	4.32	5.38	5.15	5.65	0.50	9.71	0.27	4.94
Philippines	1.35	2.35	2.00	2.50	0.50	25.00	0.15	6.38
Indonesia	1.29	1.32	1.38	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.06	4.55
India	0.70	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.45
Mexico	0.21	0.20	0.24	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.03	16.26
Sri Lanka	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vietnam	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malaysia	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.00	-11.76
Others	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PALM KERNEL								
World	5.62	6.20	6.63	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.43	6.88
Malaysia	2.79	3.08	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.32	10.43
Indonesia	1.71	1.92	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	4.17
Nigeria	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.54
Colombia	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Thailand	0.08	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.97
Zaire	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.56
Others	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.02	3.49
PALM OIL								
World	19.20	21.06	22.68	22.68	0.00	0.00	1.62	7.69
Malaysia	9.76	10.49	11.70	11.70	0.00	0.00	1.21	11.52
Indonesia	5.80	6.50	6.80	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.30	4.62
Nigeria	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.04	5.26
Cote d'Ivoire	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.61
Colombia	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.00
Thailand	0.40	0.71	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.84
Zaire	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecuador	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.01	2.94
Others	1.32	1.41	1.44	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.49

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TABLE 18
Cotton Area, Yield, and Production
World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area				Yield				Production				Change in Production			
	Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		Prel.		2000/01 Proj.		From last month		From last year	
	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	1998/99	1999/00	Jan.	Feb.	MBales	Percent	MBales	Percent
	Million hectares				Kilograms per hectare				Million 480 lb. bales							
World	32.96	32.35	31.96	31.92	561	587	602	601	84.88	87.21	88.43	88.06	-0.38	-0.42	0.85	0.98
United States	4.32	5.43	5.30	5.30	701	680	707	707	13.92	16.97	17.22	17.22	0.00	0.00	0.25	1.49
Total Foreign	28.64	26.91	26.66	26.62	540	568	582	579	70.96	70.24	71.21	70.84	-0.38	-0.53	0.60	0.86
Major Exporters	15.48	14.49	14.73	14.76	695	748	757	757	49.39	49.81	51.24	51.30	0.06	0.12	1.49	2.99
China	4.46	3.73	4.00	4.00	1,011	1,028	1,089	1,089	20.70	17.60	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	2.40	13.64
Pakistan	2.92	2.92	2.99	2.99	469	642	591	591	6.30	8.60	8.10	8.10	0.00	0.00	-0.50	-5.81
Sudan	0.15	0.23	0.24	0.24	363	232	324	324	0.25	0.24	0.35	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.11	45.83
Turkey	0.76	0.72	0.67	0.67	1,110	1,100	1,202	1,202	3.86	3.63	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	0.07	1.82
FSU-12	2.50	2.49	2.42	2.45	574	638	573	568	6.60	7.31	6.38	6.38	0.00	0.00	-0.92	-12.66
Uzbekistan	1.49	1.50	1.42	1.42	674	752	662	662	4.60	5.18	4.30	4.30	0.00	0.00	-0.88	-16.99
Turkmenistan	0.48	0.48	0.53	0.53	435	481	394	394	0.95	1.05	0.95	0.95	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-9.52
Other	0.54	0.52	0.48	0.51	421	454	508	485	1.05	1.08	1.13	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.05	5.12
Egypt	0.28	0.27	0.23	0.23	816	841	871	890	1.05	1.06	0.90	0.92	0.02	2.22	-0.13	-12.80
African Franc Zone	2.35	2.40	2.06	2.06	374	353	347	351	4.03	3.89	3.29	3.33	0.04	1.22	-0.57	-14.61
Southern Hemisphere	2.06	1.74	2.14	2.14	696	935	869	869	6.60	7.48	8.53	8.53	0.00	0.00	1.04	13.94
Argentina	0.65	0.33	0.48	0.48	308	405	420	420	0.92	0.62	0.93	0.93	0.00	0.00	0.31	50.41
Australia	0.56	0.46	0.47	0.47	1,274	1,595	1,545	1,545	3.29	3.40	3.30	3.30	0.00	0.00	-0.10	-2.94
Brazil	0.69	0.75	0.89	0.89	667	898	905	905	2.10	3.10	3.70	3.70	0.00	0.00	0.60	19.35
Paraguay	0.17	0.20	0.30	0.30	380	410	435	435	0.29	0.37	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.23	63.49
Major Importers	0.56	0.60	0.54	0.54	907	976	981	981	2.35	2.67	2.43	2.43	0.00	0.00	-0.24	-9.13
Other Foreign	12.59	11.83	11.39	11.32	332	327	335	329	19.22	17.76	17.55	17.11	-0.43	-2.48	-0.64	-3.63
India	9.29	8.79	8.35	8.30	302	302	310	302	12.88	12.18	11.90	11.50	-0.40	-3.36	-0.68	-5.58
Others	3.31	3.04	3.04	3.02	418	400	405	404	6.34	5.58	5.65	5.61	-0.03	-0.62	0.04	0.65

TABLE 19

The table below presents a 19-year record of the differences between the February projection and the final estimate. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the February projection and the final estimate have averaged 2.4 million tons (0.5 percent) and ranged from -7.3 to 6.8 million tons. The February projection has been below the final 14 times and above the final 5 times.

RELIABILITY OF PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATES, 1981/82 - 1999/00 1/					
	Difference		Lowest	Highest	Below Final	Above Final
	Average	Average	Difference			
	Percent	---Million metric tons---				Number of years 2/
WHEAT						
World	0.5	2.4	-7.3	6.8	14	5
U.S.	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	8	5
Foreign	0.5	2.4	-7.3	6.8	14	5
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
World	0.8	6.3	-17.6	7.3	14	5
U.S.	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.3	10	5
Foreign	1.1	6.4	-17.6	7.3	12	6
RICE (Milled)						
World	1.5	4.9	-14.0	1.8	16	3
U.S.	1.1	0.1	-0.3	0.2	6	2
Foreign	1.5	4.9	-14.0	1.8	16	3
SOYBEANS						
World	1.7	2.0	-4.4	2.1	13	6
U.S.	1.0	0.6	-1.6	1.8	8	8
Foreign	3.2	1.8	-4.6	2.2	15	4
			---Million 480-lb. bales---			
COTTON						
World	1.8	1.6	-5.4	2.8	13	6
U.S.	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	5	13
Foreign	2.3	1.6	-5.7	2.7	13	6
UNITED STATES			-----Million bushels-----			
CORN	0.1	3	-8	38	2	1
SORGHUM	0.1	0	0	4	0	2
BARLEY	0.4	2	-3	11	8	3
OATS	0.1	0	-2	1	3	2

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1999/00 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.

2/ May not total 19 if projection was the same as the final.

3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet, and mixed grain.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

MAP 1

February 8, 2001



1 - UNITED STATES

In January, unusually dry weather persisted in northern California and the Northwest, raising concerns about spring runoff prospects and summer water supplies. Meanwhile, beneficial precipitation returned to the Southwest after a dry December. Farther east, mild, mostly dry weather prevailed for most of the month in the Plains and Corn Belt, providing a respite from December's harsh conditions. Toward month's end, however, a strong winter storm produced heavy rain, freezing rain, and snow across the nation's mid-section, stressing livestock and leaving many fields and feedlots muddy. Across the South, occasional heavy rain also left fields muddy, primarily from the Delta westward. In contrast, only light showers fell across drought-affected Peninsular Florida, reducing water supplies and maintaining heavy citrus irrigation demands. A persistently cool weather pattern affected Florida, culminating in a significant freeze on January 5. Toward month's end, warmer weather across southern Texas promoted fieldwork and crop development.

2 - SOUTH AMERICA

In central Argentina, above-normal January rainfall boosted soil moisture for reproductive to filling corn and sunflowers, and vegetative to reproductive soybeans. The rains were especially welcomed in La Pampa and western Buenos Aires, where earlier dryness stressed summer crops. In southern Brazil, mostly near-normal January rainfall maintained adequate to abundant soil moisture for vegetative to reproductive soybeans.

3 - EUROPE

In January, unseasonably mild weather continued to provide favorable overwintering conditions for dormant and semi-dormant winter grains. Frequent rainfall continued in western Spain and Portugal, hampering winter wheat planting and late corn harvesting. Elsewhere, near- to above-normal precipitation maintained adequate to locally excessive moisture supplies, except in southeastern Europe, where a soil moisture deficit remained. Although beneficial rain and snow fell across parts of southeastern Europe, frequent precipitation is still necessary to end long-term drought.

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4 - FSU-WESTERN

In January, overwintering conditions remained generally favorable for winter grains. Unseasonably mild weather kept major winter wheat producing areas snow-free, and caused some loss of winter hardiness. In early February, light to moderate snow increased protective snow cover and eased prolonged dryness in Ukraine and southern Russia.

5 - NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

In January, near- to above-normal precipitation improved moisture conditions for winter grain development in northern Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. A drying trend since mid-January in southern Morocco has limited moisture for vegetative crops.

6 - MIDDLE EAST AND TURKEY

During January, warmer- and drier-than-normal weather dominated the region, leaving most winter wheat areas void of snow cover. In early February, heavy rain increased irrigation reserves in sections of western Turkey, but missed winter wheat areas of the Anatolian Plateau.

7 - SOUTH ASIA

During January, light, scattered showers improved local moisture levels in winter grain and oilseed areas of Pakistan and northern India. Elsewhere, warm, dry weather favored main-season cotton harvesting and development of winter-grown crops, including rice.

8 - EASTERN ASIA

During January, much-above-normal precipitation boosted moisture supplies for winter crops across the North China Plain and the Yangtze Valley. Snow blanketed the North China Plain, protecting dormant winter wheat from very cold weather during mid-January. Above-normal rainfall benefited sugarcane across southern China. January temperatures averaged near normal across the North China Plain and above normal across the Yangtze Valley and southern China.

9 - SOUTHEAST ASIA

In January, seasonably dry weather prevailed in Thailand, while dry weather reduced irrigation supplies for rice in most of Vietnam. Near- to above-normal rainfall caused localized flooding in the Philippines. Well-above-normal rainfall in peninsular Malaysia and Java, Indonesia favored oil palm and rice, respectively.

10 - AUSTRALIA

Since mid-January, showery weather has increased moisture levels in the eastern summer crop areas. In early February, however, heavy rain may have caused isolated flooding of cotton, sorghum, and sugarcane.

11 - SOUTH AFRICA

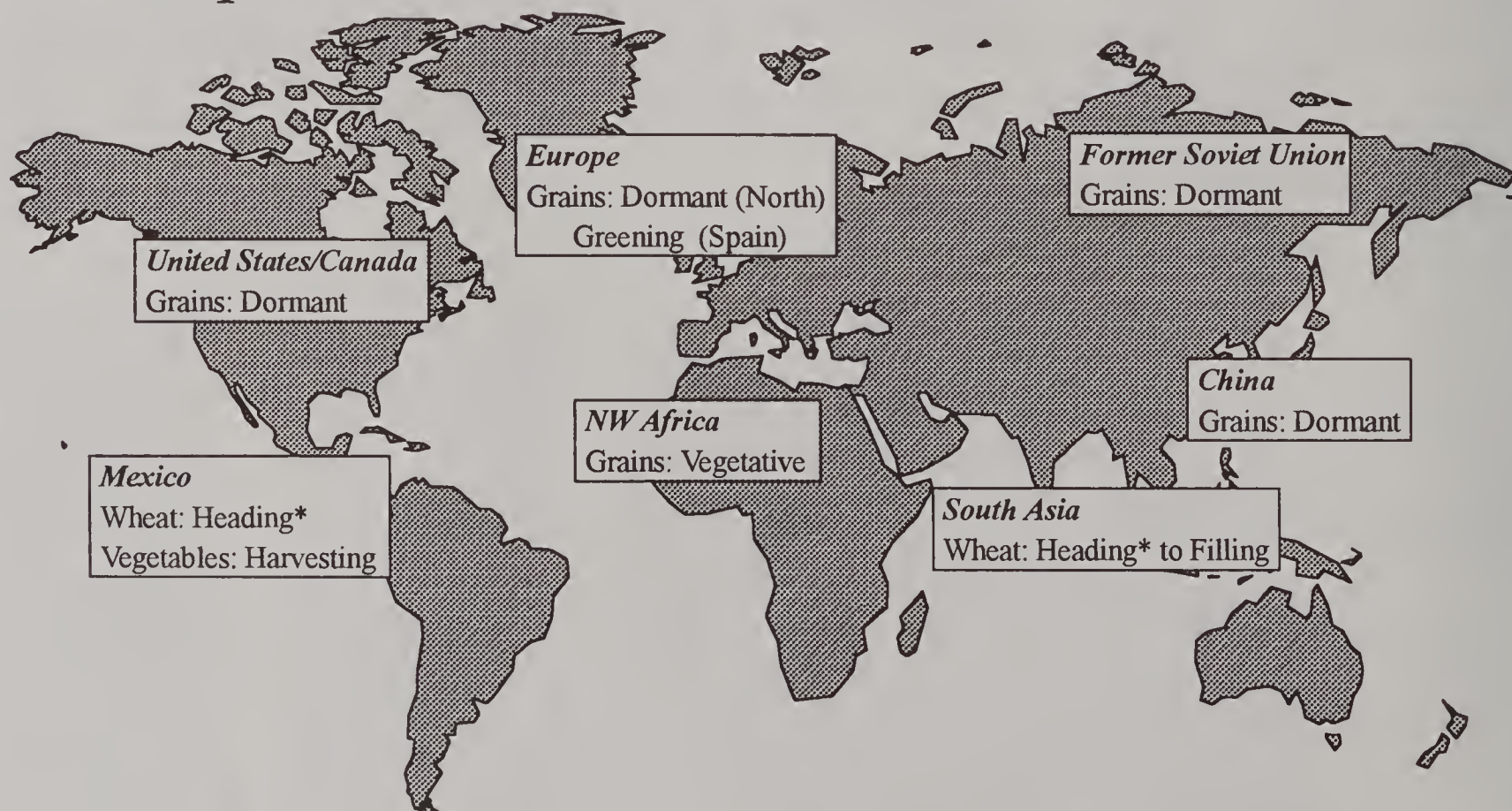
A drying trend reduced moisture reserves for reproductive summer crops across the corn belt. Showers in late January and early February helped to stabilize crops in traditionally higher-yielding areas, although dry pockets persisted in important white corn areas of Free State and North West.

February Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



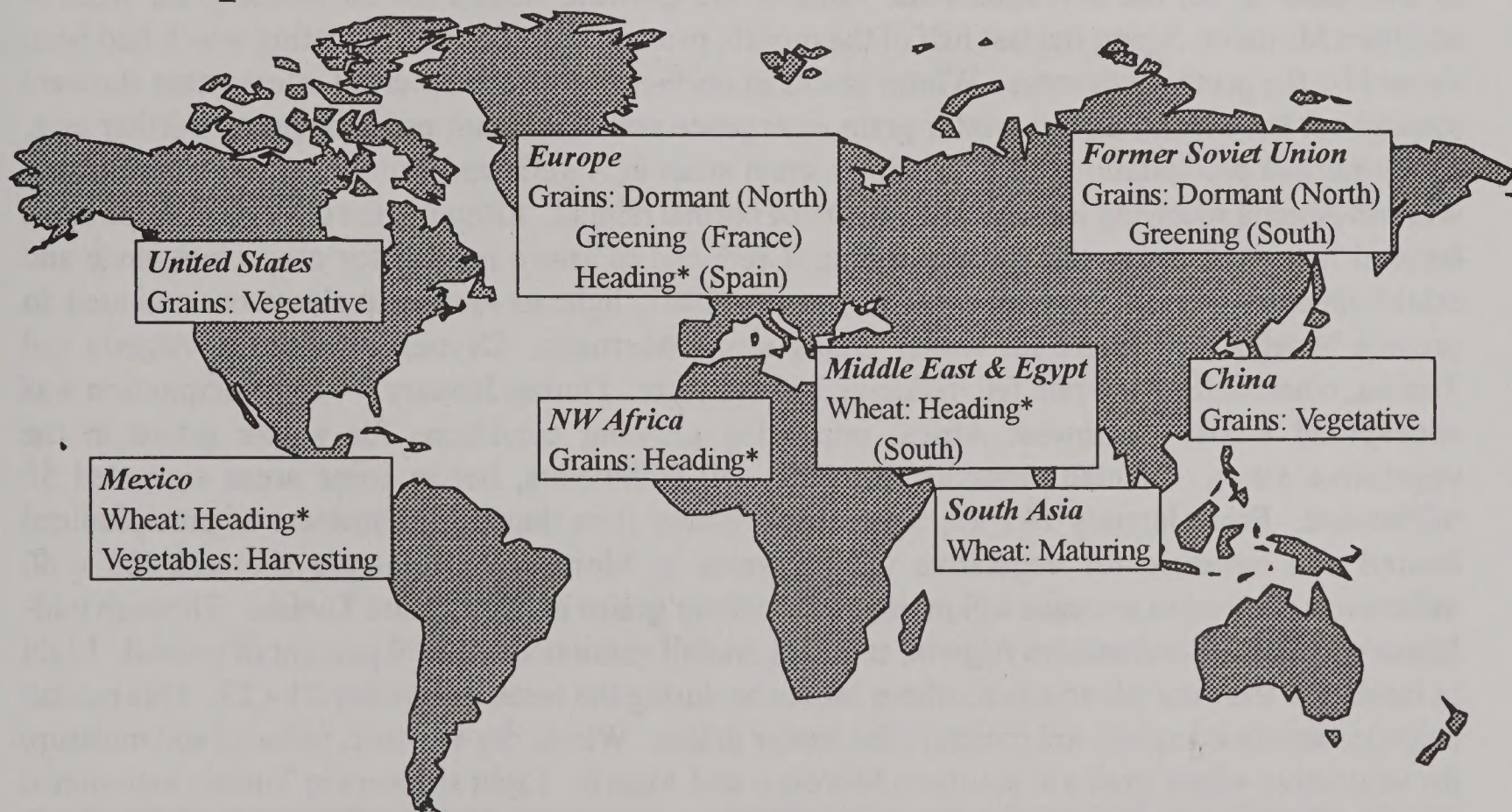
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March Normal Crop Calendar

Summer crops



Winter crops



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WEATHER BRIEFS

Argentina & Brazil: Favorably Moist in Most Summer Crop Areas

During December 2000, near-to-above normal rainfall provided adequate soil moisture across central and northern Argentina for summer crops. In La Pampa and western Buenos Aires, however, below-normal rainfall and hot weather stressed vegetative summer crops. From January 7 through February 3, weekly showers continued to favor reproductive corn, soybeans, and sunflowers. Across La Pampa and western Buenos Aires, rains fell from January 7 - 20, relieving crop stress, but dryness returned to this area from January 21 through February 3. As of February 3, soil moisture was adequate to maintain favorable crop conditions for reproductive to filling corn and sunflowers in central and northern Argentina, including northern Buenos Aires. Stress was limited to La Pampa and western Buenos Aires.

In southern Brazil, during December 2000, widespread rainfall maintained adequate to abundant soil moisture for germinating to vegetative soybeans. During January and early February, 2001, frequent rainfall continued to maintain favorable growing conditions. Across southern Brazil, widespread showers during 2001 have maintained adequate to abundant soil moisture for coffee, sugarcane, and reproductive to filling soybeans. Only the areas of northern Minas Gerais and most of Bahia have been unfavorably dry, receiving little or no precipitation from January 7 through February 3. During this time-frame, rainfall averaged only about 50 percent of normal across coastal Bahia, reducing moisture supplies for flowering mid-crop cocoa.

Northwestern Africa: Showers Maintain Adequate Soil Moisture - But More Rain Is Needed

In December 2000, the first substantial rains of the growing season fell on winter grain areas in southern Morocco during the last half of the month, prompting widespread planting which had been slowed by the previous dryness. Winter grains in northern Morocco received intermittent showers throughout the month, aiding winter grain emergence and early plant establishment. Farther east, below-normal precipitation fell over winter grain areas in Algeria and Tunisia, with the crop areas in western Algeria receiving less than 50 percent of normal rainfall. Although the dryness in these areas favored fieldwork for winter grain planting, it reduced moisture needed for crop emergence and establishment. During the first week of January 2001, light to moderate showers continued to provide beneficial moisture for winter grains across Morocco. Dryness returned to Algeria and Tunisia, where little to no rain fell, reducing soil moisture. During January 7 - 13, precipitation was widespread across Northwest Africa, improving growing conditions for winter grains in the vegetative stage. Rainfall amounts were 10 - 40 millimeters, but in some areas exceeded 50 millimeters. From January 14 - 20, warm, dry weather (less than 10 millimeters of precipitation) limited soil moisture for vegetative winter grains in Morocco. Moderate showers (25 - 60 millimeters) helped to increase soil moisture for winter grains in Algeria and Tunisia. Through mid-January, in Tunisia and eastern Algeria, seasonal rainfall continued to be 60 percent of normal. Light to moderate showers fell across northern Morocco during the week of January 21 - 27. This rainfall helped maintain adequate soil moisture for winter grains. Warm, dry weather, reduced soil moisture for vegetative winter grains in southern Morocco and Algeria. Light showers in Tunisia maintained

favorable moisture conditions for winter grains. From January 28 through February 3, dry weather continued over Morocco. In Algeria, scattered showers (10 - 70 millimeters) boosted topsoil moisture benefitting developing winter grains. In Tunisia, the heaviest rainfall of this growing season (50 - 100 millimeters), boosted topsoil moisture across winter grains growing areas. During the period February 4th through February 7th no significant rainfall was recorded across Northwest Africa. While short term moisture levels have greatly improved over the last several weeks (with Tunisia and Algeria benefitting most), substantial long-term moisture deficits remain across southern Morocco, most of Algeria and Tunisia. Northern Morocco, and to a lesser extent, areas along the central Algerian coast however, continue to enjoy ample rainfall.

South Africa: Showers Stabilize Corn Conditions in East, Less Favorable Elsewhere

Frequent showers and warm temperatures during December 2000 maintained good soil moisture for vegetative summer crops across the Maize Triangle of South Africa, but the weather turned unfavorably dry and hot in early January 2001. Above-normal temperatures, below-normal rainfall, and declining soil moisture levels stressed corn and other summer crops approaching the drought-sensitive reproductive stage. The situation started to improve in the second half of the month, as scattered showers returned to the region and brought localized relief to eastern growing areas and parts of the North West and Free State. Temperatures continued to average 1 to 2 degrees C above normal, increasing evapotranspiration rates and hastening crop development. Dry pockets persist in northwestern growing areas of Free State and neighboring areas of North West, stressing immature corn, sunflowers, and other crops. Yield reductions are possible if these areas remain dry through February.

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